



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Brian R. Bullard, et al.

Serial No.: 09 158,982

Examiner:

A. Marschel

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Group Art Unit:

1631

Title: COMPUTER METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR ANALYZING AND DISPLAYING INFORMATION RELATING TO GENE EXPRESSION

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 3, 2001, the period for response being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time and requisite fee, the undersigned representative respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendment and remarks.

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 2, 5, and 24 without prejudice towards prosecution in a continuation or divisional application.

REMARKS

Claims 2, 3, 5 to 21, 23 and 24 were pending in this application. In the Office Action mailed December 3, 2001, the Examiner indicated that Claims 3, 6 to 21 and 23 are allowed. By

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